

**New Shoreham Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
Monday, April 1, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

Present: First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Kenneth C. Lacoste, Town Councilor Sean McGarry, Town Councilor Norris Pike, Town Councilor Christopher Warfel. Also present was Town Manager Nancy O. Dodge. Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Warden's Report: First Warden Gaffett reported Tourism Councils throughout the state will meet for their unity luncheon on May 8; North Light Fibers is participating in the "Great Rhody Yarn Crawl" this weekend and will accept donations for the Helping Hands Food Bank. The CRMC is holding a meeting tonight on the Champlins Realty, Inc. application to expand their marina, the Town is represented by Attorneys Don Packer and Dan Prentiss. The PUC will hold a hearing at Town Hall on April 4 at 12:15 regarding Interstate Navigation's rate case. The CRMC will hold a meeting of the Ocean SAMP plan group regarding Deepwater Wind's application on April 15 at 9:00 in Narragansett.

Public Input

John Willis spoke against Deepwater Wind and suggested the Town condemn the Power Company and give it to National Grid. Chris Blane suggested the Town begin to issue cat licenses.

1. Receive and act on H. duPont letter re: FAA proposed decommissioning of BI airport VOR/DME (navigational aid)

First Warden Gaffett said she was contacted by Henry duPont, Rescue Squad Captain Bryan Wilson, New England Airline owner Bill Bendokas and Rescue Squad member Dave Morrison regarding the issue. None could attend the meeting. They expressed concern that some small plane owners could not afford to upgrade their systems. All except Mr. Morrison were opposed to decommissioning the BI airport VOR/DME; Mr. Morrison said it would make no difference. Discussion ensued. Mr. Lacoste spoke about the value of redundant systems using completely different technologies and systems for data gathering. Council wanted to be sure that no action will be taken that could comprise traffic to and from the second busiest airport in the state.

Second Warden Lacoste moved to direct the Town Manager to send a letter to the FAA and appropriate state and federal contacts suggesting that the VOR/DME capability be continued in service for the second busiest airport in Rhode Island. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pike.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

2. Act on deer and pheasant hunting dates and regulations for the 2013/14 hunting seasons

The hunting dates suggested by the Deer Task Force are attached to these minutes. A long discussion ensued.

First Warden Gaffett moved to adopt the calendar with regard to deer weapons and dates as presented by the Deer Task Force except to allow archery only on hunting dates from October 15 to October 31, and to begin a combined archery, muzzleloader and shotgun season on November 4. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pike.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

First Warden Gaffett moved to open two parcels of Town land to deer hunting at Plat 1, Lot 16 and Plat 20 Lot 20, to be managed as in the past, starting January 2, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilor Warfel.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

First Warden Gaffett moved to set pheasant hunting dates November 13, 20, and 27, December 4, 11, and 18, and January 8 and 15, seconded by Councilor Pike.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

First Warden Gaffett moved to request the DEM 20013-2014 hunting abstract continue to include (1) the information that landowner permission countersigned by the Chief of Police is required for all deer hunting on Block Island, (2) notation of the Town of New Shoreham local ordinance requiring landowner permission for all hunting and (3) during shotgun season in the Town of New Shoreham all hunters regardless of weapon type must wear 500 square inches of orange, seconded by Second Warden Lacoste

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

3. Receive and act on Deer Task Force recommendations re: Deer Elimination Plan (“Modified Skidaway Plan”)

First Warden Gaffett read the plan. A long discussion ensued.

Mr. Warfel moved to table the discussion until after the DEM and Deer Task Force consult. The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Warfel moved to table the item until after the DEM, Town Council and Deer Task Force have met to discuss the Modified Skidaway Plan, seconded by Second Warden Lacoste

Ayes (2): Lacoste, Warfel

Nays (3): Gaffett, Pike, McGarry

Councilor Pike moved to embrace the Deer Task Force’s recommendation for the “modified Skidaway Plan” in concept and to move forward and meet with the Department of Environmental Management to resolve problems, seconded by Councilor McGarry.

Ayes: 3 (Pike, McGarry, Lacoste) Nays: (Gaffett, Warfel)

4. Discuss and act on settlement agreement (Interstate Navigation & Division) pertaining to rule 100 residency requirement

Discussion ensued.

Councilor McGarry moved to request Interstate Navigation to ask PUC to rewrite Rule 100 to its original form but to include residence as classified by the Town’s ordinance, seconded by Councilor Pike.

Aye: 3 (McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 2 (Gaffett, Lacoste)

5. Receive and act on Interstate Navigation filing re: Interstate Navigation Co. report and modification application for “Fast Ferry Water Carrier Certificate”

First Warden Gaffett moved that the Council has accepted and reviewed report regarding the new fast ferry. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pike.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

6. Receive and act on John Kisseberth request to renew a Hawkers and Peddlers license per TNS ordinance Sections 8-110 through 8-119 and use town land (Plat 1, Lot 16)

John Kisseberth was present. He said last year the service was limited to cold drinks served from his daughters’ truck because of an equipment failure. This summer the Kisseberth’s will go back to the original plan and sell hot dogs. John Gasner said the license should go to someone who lives here. Chris Blane said he would rather see the license given to someone who lives here.

Councilor Warfel moved to renew for one year, upon receipt of DOH certification and a signed site plan as required by the ordinance; and to add information regarding the food service cart to the license and to keep information about the food service cart on file; and to grant permission for the use town land at Plat 1, Lot 16.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

7. Receive and act on Tim McCabe letter re: permission to use town roads

No one was present for Rustic Rides. A memorandum was received from Building Official Marc Tillson. He has issued Rustic Rides a notice of violation for a sign. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Gaffett made a motion to approve the request of Rustic Rides, Inc. to use Old Mill Road, Dorry’s Cove Road, Grace’s Cove Road and Champlin Road from May to September 2012, and to use all other Town Roads from October 2012 – May 2013, contingent on the release of the Building Official’s notice of violation, and with the requirement that Rustic Rides continue to work and cooperate with Superintendent of the Roads Mike Shea and Town Manager Nancy Dodge regarding road maintenance requests. The motion was seconded by Mr. Warfel.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

8. Michele Spero presentation on technology

Michele Spero was present and gave the Town Council an overview of the Town's past, present and future technology.

At 11:30 First Warden Gaffett moved to continue the meeting to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2013, seconded by Second Warden Lacoste.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

Minutes approved May 1, 2013

Fiona Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk